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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS TO PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAY 23, PRES. MARCOS ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER US BASES HAD NOT OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS AND LIVED BEYOND THEIR APPOINTED TIME. HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY HAD NOT BECOME DEAD LETTER IN LIGHT OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA, SERVED NO FUNCTION, AND WAS PRODUCING SUSPICION AMONG PHILIPPINES AND IN ASIA. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED HE WISHED US AND GOP TO SIT DOWN LIKE RATIONAL MEN TO EXAMINE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH PEOPLES. MARCOS ALSO LISTED GOP'S MAIN FOREIGN POLICY GUIDELINES EMPHASIZING : A) RELATIONS WITH ASEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES, B) MORE RIGOROUS POLICY OF NORMALIZATION WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS, C) CLOSER IDENTIFICATION WITH THIRD WORLD, D) CONTINUED BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN, E) SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE IN ME AND F) CONTINUING EFFORT FIND NEW BASIS FOR CONTINUING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH US IN LIGHT OF EMERGING REALITIES IN ASIA. END SUMMARY

1. PRES. MARCOS MADE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS BEFORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAY 23. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON AUDIO TAPE. WE SHALL BE TRANSMITTING FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS SEPTEL.

2. AMERICAN BASES. MARCOS BEGAN BY NOTING 1967 ASEAN DECLARATION THAT FOREIGN BASES IN AREA TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER. HE EMPHASIZED BASES EXIST FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND A SPECIFIC PERIOD AND ARE NOT MEANT TO LAST IN PERPETUITY OR TO LINGER BEYOND PERIOD OF MUTUAL INTEREST. MARCOS SAID THAT BASES WERE UNDER-PINNING OF MUTUAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH US AND WERE NOW "UNDER CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTY". HE REFERRED TO LACK OF SPECIFIC PROVISION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTOMATIC US DEFENSE OF PHILIPPINES AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AND ADVERTED TO PROSPECT THAT MOOD OF NATION (REFERRING TO US) NOT LEGAL PROVISIONS WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER US WOULD ACT. MARCOS SAID THAT HE HOPED US WOULD UNDERSTAND AND THEN STRENGTHENED THIS SAYING, "US MUST UNDERSTAND" THAT PHILIPPINES' SHEER PHYSICAL SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE. THEREFORE THE GOP LIKE THE US RESERVED ITS RIGHT TO MAKE ITS OWN ACCOMMODATION WITH NEW REALITIES IN ASIA. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED GOP WAS NOT ACTING OUT OF HOSTILITY, SPITE OR IMPATIENCE BUT BECAUSE SURVIVAL OF PHILIPPINE PEOPLE AND NATION WAS AT STAKE. HE SAID GOP AND US MUST QUICKLY COME TO UNDERSTANDING WHETHER US STILL NEEDS BASES. IF US DOES NOT, THEY SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND COULD PROVOKE UNWANTED AGGRESSION AGAINST PHILIPPINES. MARCOS EMPHASIZED US-GOP WERE OLD ALLIES AND FIRMEST OF FRIENDS. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING.

3. MARCOS SAID HE WAS NOT WAVING PLACARDS SAYING "AMERICANS GO HOME" BECAUSE AMERICANS AND FILIPINOS TOO DEEPLY ATTACHED TO ONE ANOTHER. HE SIMPLY WISHED US AND GOP TO SIT DOWN LIKE RATIONAL BEINGS AND EXAMINE AND EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH SIDEU. MARCOS, HOWEVER, ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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"BASES HAVE NOT OUTLASTED THEIR USEFULNESS AND LIVED BEYOND THEIR APPOINTED TIME." HE ASKED TOO WHETHER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WAS NOT DEAD LETTER IN LIGHT OF INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS, NO LONGER SERVING USEFUL PURPOSE AND MERELY CAUSING SUSPICIONS AT HOME AND IN ASIA. MARCOS EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, AMERICANS WOULD ALWAYS BE WELCOME HERE BUT THAT NEW FOUNDATION MUST BE CREATED FOR AMERICAN-FILIPINO RELATIONSHIP.

4. EXPOSITION OF GOP POSITION ON SECURITY RELATIONS WITH U.S. CAME AT END OF MARCOS' 45-MINUTE SPEECH ON FOREIGN POLICY. EARLIER PRESIDENT HAD STRESSED THAT "NATIONAL INTEREST NOT IDEOLOGY MUST DICTATE GOP RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES. MARCOS SAID GOP'S MAIN FOREIGN POLICY GUIDELINES WERE TO:

- 1) INTENSIFY RELATIONS WITHIN ASEAN
- 2) PURSUE MORE RIGOROUSLY ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION, PRC AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES
- 3) CLOSER IDENTIFY WITH THIRD WORLD WITH WHOM GOP SHARES SIMILAR PROBLEMS
- 4) CONTINUE BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN
- 5) SUPPORT ARAB COUNTRIES IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IN THE ME
- 6) CONTINUE TO FIND NEW BASIS COMPATIBLE WITH EMERGING REALITIES IN ASIA FOR CONTINUING HEALTHY RELATHIONSHIP WITH US.

5. ON ASEAN MARCOS REFERRED TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED MINISTERIAL IN KL ANDSDRAFT TREATY OF AMITY WHICH HE SAID WAS FIRST OF MANY STEPS TOWARD EVENTUAL REALIZATION OF ZONE OF PEACE IN AREA. MARCOS SAID THAT ASEAN COULD NO LONGER INSULATE ITSELF FROM POLITICS AND MUST INCREASINGLY TAKE ON A POLITICAL DIMENSION.

5. REFERRING TO INDOCHINA, MARCOS NOTED INCREDIBLE SWIFTNESS OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE. HE EXPECTED EVENTUALLY ALL OF INDONCHINA MIGHT BECOME COMMUNIST. NEVERTHELESS, PRESIDENT SAID HE HELD UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT FRIENDLY HAND TO INDOCHINA AND SAID GOP WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ENORMOUS TASK OF POSTWAR CONSTRUCTION. BOP WAS ALSO PREPARED TO CO-EXIST PEACEFULLY WITH INDOCHINA AND HE WELCOMED FURTHER EFFORTS TO BUILD UP A HEALTHY SYSTEM OF RELATIONS IN SEA.

6. MARCOS SAID US WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA HAD CREATED A DISEQUILIBRIUM WHICH AT LEAST IN SHORT RUN COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE SAID SHARP DECREASE OF US INFLUENCE IN AREA CREATED CERTAIN QUESTIONS TO WHICH THERE WERE NO ANSWERS.

- 1) WILL PRC BREAK DETENTE WITH U.S.?
- 2) WILL JAPAN BE DRIVEN TO ATTAIN SUPER POWER STATUS BY DEVELOPING ATOMIC CAPABILITY?
- 3) WILL USSR ATTEMPT TO FILL VACUUM IN AREA?
- 4) WILL US CONTINUE TO PLAY ROLE AND FULFILL ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS?

ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS REQUIRED THE GOP TO REASSES ITS POLICY IN "RIGOROUS FASHION". MARCOS EMPHASIZED THE GOP WOULD NOT ACT IN HASTE OR IN PANIC BUT IT HAD TO ACT BEFORE GOP FOUND ITSELF VICTIM OF DEVELOPMENTS BEYOND ITS CONTROL.

HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL INSURGENCY FUELED
BY SUCCESSIVE INSURGENCY IN INDOCHINA AND ALSO POSSIBILITY
OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AS RESULT OF NATIONAL INSTABILITY.

7 COMMENT: WE SHALL BE TRANSMITTING COMMENTS ON MARCOS'
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